

### Mindfulness for the Creative Kid

Mindfulness and innovative thinking go hand in hand. Join us as we explore the mind-body connection through creative movement, imaginative play, yoga and meditation in this course designed for artistic young people. Students will quiet the mind and awaken the spirit with playful games and grounding mindfulness exercises to enhance creativity. Instructor: Kate Morran is a theatre educator and mindfulness teacher based out of Hartford, CT. She is the director/choreographer of the West Hartford Summer Arts Festival and a proud alumna of the program since 1999. For the past 15 years, Kate has co-directed and choreographed the Northwest Catholic High School theatrical productions where she teaches curricular dance and musical theater. She has served as choreographer/assistant director at Simsbury High School since 2014 and has worked on productions at the Park Road Playhouse, The Hartt School Community Division, Conard and Hall High Schools and Bay Path University. Kate completed her 200 hour teacher training at West Hartford Yoga (WHY) in 2012 under the instruction of Barbara Ruzansky.

PROGRAM #	DAY	DATES	TIME	RES/NRES
415035 A	Mon-Fri	7/9-7/13	9:00 am-10:30 am	\$99/\$109

### Introduction to Musical Theatre

Does your child love to perform? Do you have a little actor in the family? Join us for a weeklong adventure full of music, dance, creative movement, acting, theatre games and FUN. Students will be introduced to the craft of musical theatre without the pressure of a formal performance. All experience and ability levels are welcome. Instructor: Kate Morran is a theatre educator and mindfulness teacher based out of Hartford, CT. See above for complete bio.

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415036 B	Mon-Fri	7/9-7/13	10:40 am-12:10 pm	\$99/\$109

### Sizzling Summer STEM

Sizzling Summer STEM will provide kids an opportunity to experience the fascinating world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math! Students will build and test structures, explore programming with LEGO® robotics, use Makey Makey devices and launch water rockets. Instructor: Katherine Hardesty is a Quest teacher who has worked at Smith STEM School in West Hartford for 16 years and has also been employed as an Electrical Engineer.

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415020 A	Mon-Fri	7/9-7/13	9:00 am-10:30 am	\$99/\$109
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### Spy Games

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have a secret identity? What is a dead drop? Are you a master at disguises? To discover answers to these questions, and to have some hands-on experiences with spy tradecraft right in West Hartford, consider attending a session of Spy Games. Activities will include making concealment devices and secret writing. Instructor: Laura Swenson, a former intelligence officer with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), is currently a Quest teacher in West Hartford.

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415060 A	Mon-Fri	7/9-7/13	9:00 am-10:30 am	\$99/\$109
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### American Sign Language

Have you always wanted to learn American Sign Language? This class will give your child an opportunity to enrich your ASL vocabulary through topics such as family, animals, sports and weather. Through games, storytelling and activities, our objective is to foster basic ASL conversational skills. Instructor: Mick Posner is currently an ASL teacher at both Conard and Hall High Schools. He is also a faculty member at Gallaudet University’s Department of ASL and has previously taught at ESPN (for their professional development program), Manchester Community College, Rochester School for the Deaf and the American School for the Deaf.

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415045 B	Mon-Fri	7/9-7/13	10:40 am-12:10 pm	\$99/\$109

### Makerspace

At Makerspace camp, students will explore, create, tinker, play and design. Stations will be set up so campers can try different technology applications such as Makey Makey, LittleBits™, Gizmos & Gadgets, 3D Magic Pen and Zing Stikbot Studio Pro. There will also be stations for button and bookmark design and production. Students will also have an opportunity to collaborate on group maker projects that mix technology with creativity. Instructor: Jessica Santos is the Library Coordinator at Two Rivers Middle Magnet School in East Hartford. She has been working with children in and out of school settings for over 15 years (6 years at Two Rivers). She curated the new Makerspace at Two Rivers and enjoys blending art and technology. She loves to provide a place where kids can play and create.

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415055 A	Mon-Fri	7/9-7/13	9:00 am-10:30 am	\$99/\$109
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### Be the Media Summer Blockbuster

School’s out. Have an epic summer! Make television instead of watching it. Get hands-on experience with WHC-TV’s HD cameras. Create a movie trailer and develop your own short film. Student teams will write, direct, record and edit their own projects. It’s an opportunity to get your tech on, experiment and make your own summer blockbuster. Instructor: WHC-TV’s award-winning team.

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415090 A	Mon-Fri	7/9-7/13	9:00 am-10:30 am	\$99/\$109
415090 B	Mon-Fri	7/9-7/13	10:40 am-12:10 pm	\$99/\$109

### Salute to French Impressionists

Grab your smocks and paint brushes and join me for a journey back to late 1800’s Paris, the era of the French Impressionists. We will explore the lives, techniques and paintings of the famous artists of that time – Monet, Degas, Renoir, Van Gogh, Sisley – who established a new and untraditional style of painting. Students will learn and use basic conversational French while creating beautiful works of art inspired by these incredible artists. Instructor: Machele Rosenlieb is a CT certified K-12 French teacher and a tutor for the West Hartford public schools. She has lived and studied in France and is passionate about “all things” French.

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415071 A	Mon-Fri	7/9-7/13	9:00 am-10:30 am	\$99/\$109

### Voila Paris

Join us for a fabulous tour of Paris and learn the language while you explore the culture, cuisine and customs of the “City of Lights”. From the moment your passport is stamped, you will be living and learning the French way. This class will expose students to Paris culture, history and language. Students will speak and write elementary French and participate in many fun hands-on activities. Instructor: Machele Rosenlieb. See above for complete bio.

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415070 B	Mon-Fri	7/9-7/13	10:40 am-12:10 pm	\$99/\$109

### **Here are just a few of the comments from our Summer Brainstorm!**

*“This camp is great...it’s fun AND you learn so much!!”*

*“My daughter loved the Brainstorm classes-  
She is looking forward to signing up for more this summer!!”*

### Baseball

Study our national pastime and learn the history of baseball in this course which will involve multiple platforms and vehicles ranging from poems, to play, to books to movies and songs. Learn how Hartford played an important part in the formation of major league baseball. Learn how to calculate your batting average or that of your favorite major league player. Learn how to score a game from Little Leagues to Major Leagues. Examine artifacts of bygone baseball era, from baseball cards to equipment. We will touch upon math, science and the world of literature and learn about “the game without a clock”. Instructor: John Sherman is a certified K-6 teacher who has taught in West Hartford and Canton for the last 17 years and has played, coached, watched and scored baseball for the last 55 years. He has been to dozens of major and minor league games in the area as well as Fenway, Yankee Stadium and other ballparks in North America.

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415003 A	Mon-Fri	7/9-7/13	9:00 am-10:30 pm	\$99/\$109

### Adventures in the Forest

We hope you’re ready for an adventure! Spend the week outside in Wolcott Children’s Forest, pond and wetlands with a trained naturalist from Westmoor Park. Through games and hands-on exploration, we’ll experience the forest like never before! We’ll also meet various Westmoor Park animals every day, discovering their unique adaptations to their environments. Be prepared to get a little muddy as we experience the wonders of nature together. Instructor: Cheryl Andrews is a naturalist at Westmoor Park and a former science teacher. She loves sharing the natural world with children in fun and creative ways.

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415080 A	Mon-Fri	7/9-7/13	9:00 am-10:30 am	\$99/\$109

### Surprises in Science!

Join us as we explore science in unexpected places! We’ll enjoy hands-on experiments all week, such as using science to make ice-cream, discovering how the Statue of Liberty got so green, examining skulls from across the animal kingdom and much more. We’ll also meet various Westmoor Park animals every day, learning fun facts you may not know! Instructor: Cheryl Andrews. See above for complete bio.

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Choose on-line registration, use your user ID and Password

Go to Shop in Title Bar, choose Activity Enrollment and enter the Program #

OR

download a Registration Form from our website above

and register in person, by mail or FAX to

West Hartford Leisure Services,

50 South Main Street, West Hartford, CT 06107 FAX number - 860-561-7519

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# SUMMER BRAINSTORM

JULY 9 - 13, 2018

WOLCOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

AGES 8-12



**Summer Brainstorm brings education and recreation together in an exciting environment of fun-based learning sure to get your child’s brain working in new and creative ways.**

**Our All Star Cast of highly-qualified instructors is skilled in unique fields, and has developed age appropriate, exploratory courses for your child’s enjoyment and enrichment.**

***“SUMMER JUST GOT SMARTER”***